kidnapping has been reported.

(c) Relevant investigations have been initiated against the alleged extortion racket.

Compulsory military training

4377. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for compulsory military training to all the young citizens so that their services can be utilised during any emergency-crisis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Promotions in IAF and Navy

4378. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that promotions in IAF and Navy have been made time bound;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any bench mark has been prescribed for satisfactory performance in lower rank for time bound promotion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The promotion to the rank of Flight Lieutenant (Flt. Lt.), Squadron leader (Sqn. Ldr.) Wind Commander (Wg. Cdr.) and Group Captain (Time Scale) in the Indian Air Force (IAF), and to the rank of Lieutenant (Lt.), Lieutenant Commander (Lt. Cdr.), Commander (Cdr.) and Captain (Time